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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Lawson, U.S. Patent No. 827,542. Applicant disagrees that this reference anticipates, since it does not disclose a tool having a leading edge with "scallop." Rather, "The front edge of the base-plate A' is provided with a series of well-rounded teeth A⁵, forming it into practically a comb, which in operation will not disturb the roots of growing grass ..." (lines 72-76). Nevertheless, Applicant has amended claim 1 to set forth that each scallop defines a segment of a single circle, and wherein the segments intersect at distinct forward points. Clearly, Lawson does not anticipate.

While it is Applicant's position that all of the dependent claims are allowable as well, it is noted that although the Examiner rejected claims 3-5 over Lawson, there is no support for that rejection. These claims include geometrical relationships regarding the spacing of the points 'd and the radius of each scallop' r." Applicant can find no disclosure whatsoever in the cited reference regarding these relationships. If the Examiner feels that they are disclosed by Lawson, the Examiner is invited to point out exactly where these teachings may be located.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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